

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA**

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Eco-Friendly Cremation

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the traditional way of cremation along the banks of sacred rivers is causing water pollution in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures including eco-friendly measure taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) & (b) Disposal of un-burnt and partly burnt dead bodies in rivers is one of the sources of pollution. The Government and other concerned agencies regularly take steps to create awareness about environment friendly alternatives like electric crematoria, improved wood crematoria and use of Compressed Natural Gas/Piped Natural Gas to reduce pollution. These crematoria also help in combating air pollution and deforestation as compared to conventional method of cremation.

The Government also provides financial assistance to various State Governments for construction of improved wood crematoria and electric crematoria under the National River Conservation Plan.
